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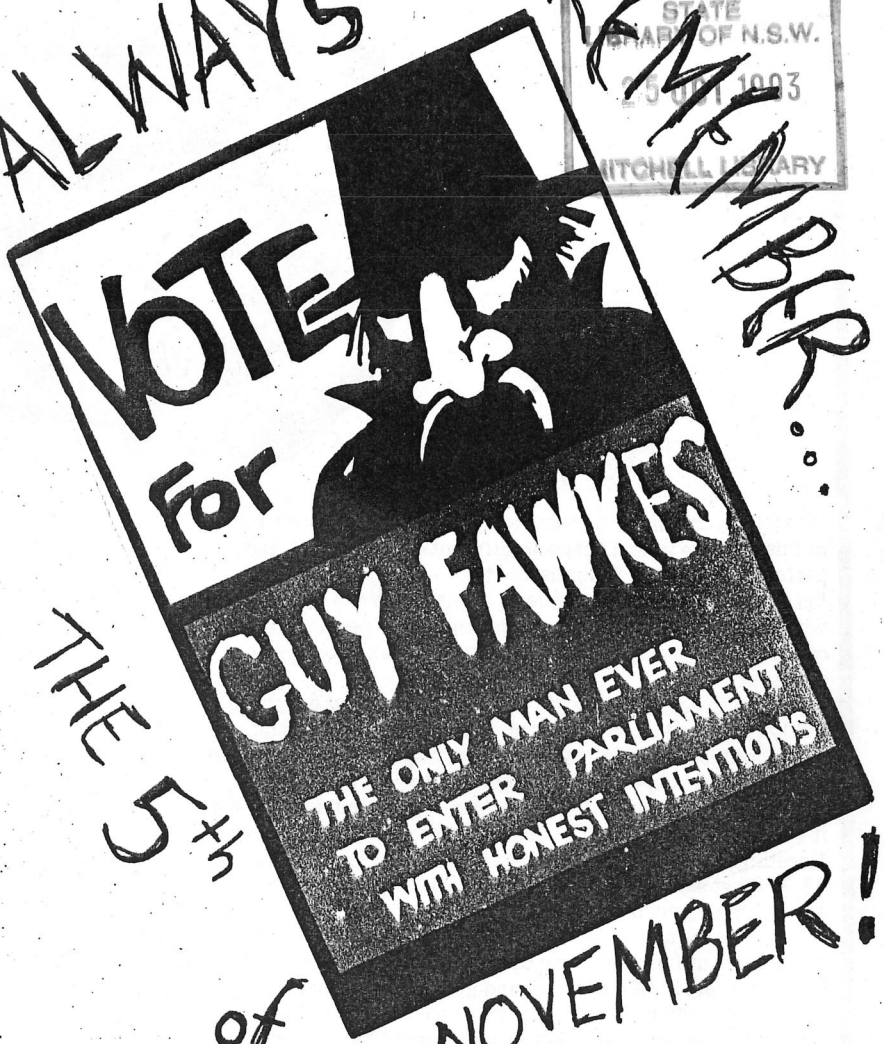
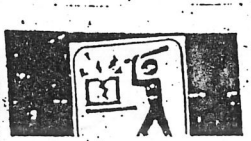


THE 5th of NOVEMBER!

THOUGHT PROVOKES ACTION



ACTION INSPIRES THOUGHT

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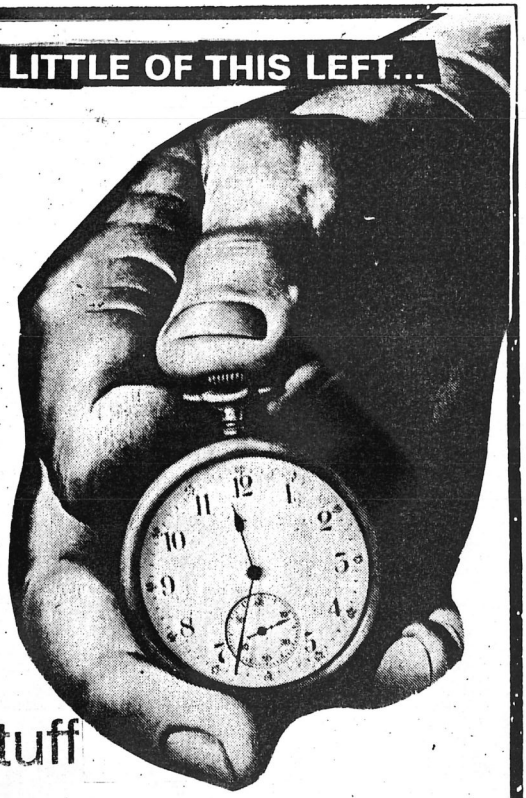

the jelly stuff

*the jellyhedz warehouse has been open now for 6 months- yey in this time we've had heaps of different events; videos, gigs, performances, plays, fundraisers etc.
*as a collective we run a venue as an alternative to pubs and clubs where we try to create an environment where people can feel comfortable regardless of their appearance, sex, race, age or sexual preference
*we want to encourage people to participate and take responsibility for a community space and their own entertainment.
* jellyhedz is not funded by the govt or anyone else and depends on the support of people in the community
* maybe you have been to the warehouse and would like to see it keep happening or maybe you are interested to get involved
*meetings are on tuesdays at 6pm and everyone is welcome at 33 Wellington St Chippendale, ph 3192798
*We have a medium size warehouse with a PA and cafe which is available for hire
*to support us financially you can be an official jellyhedz supporter for $10/$20 per year and get sent monthly news
* what we really need right now is people with spare time and energy to help with running the place things like cooking, running the cafe, mixing sound, advertising, making the newsletter and stuff so come along and get some new skills and meet some excellent people.

ALL DRUGS SHOULD BE LEGALISED

CAN I BORROW 50 DOLLARS?

IGNORE ALL LAWS

MUSHROOMS ARE THE FLESH OF THE GODS

NO PROBLEMS

DRUGS KEEP US DOCILE AND GOVERNABLE

ACID GIVES YOU AN INSIGHT INTO THE UNIVERSE

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ARE THE BIGGEST KILLERS

PSYCHEDELIC DRUGS FRY YOUR BRAIN

JUNKIES RIP OFF ANYONE FOR MONEY

HEROIN FUCKS UP EVERYBODY

ECSTASY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HATE

DRINKING COFFEE LEADS TO HARDER DRUGS

SMOKING MARIJUANA LEADS TO HARDER DRUGS

SOME PEOPLE HAVE ADDICTIVE PERSONALITIES

HEROIN AND COCAINE MONEY SUPPORT COVERT WARS

BIG BUSINESS PUSH HEROIN

PEOPLE PULL GUNS ON EACH OTHER FOR GANGA

LIVE FAST, DIE YOUNG AND HAVE A BEAUTIFUL CORPSE

JUST A SOCIAL DRINK

NO DRUG IS WORSE THAN ANOTHER

NO PROBLEMS

WHAT YOUNG PEOLE NEED THESE DAYS IS A BIT OF DISCIPLINE

IT'S EASIER TO SCORE SMACK THAN GANGA

ALL PEOPLE USE SOME SORT OF DRUG

IF THE MONEY AND ENERGY SPENT ON DRUGS WERE SPENT ON THE COMMUNITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE?

YOU WORK IT OUT!!!!!!!!

We encourage anyone to write in and contribute to the forum on drugs in upcoming newsletters.....

IRREGULAR PURITY AND PRICE ARE THE PROBLEM NOT THE DRUG

WHO USES DRUGS?

Contrary to the popular notion that drug users are mainly black ghetto dwellers, ex-drug czar William Bennett recently noted that "the typical cocaine user is white, male, a high-school graduate employed full-time and living in a small metropolitan area or suburb." A 1988-89 survey of 350,000 junior high and high school kids found that 7% of white students used cocaine compared with 4% of black students. Whites were also bigger users of marijuana (24% vs. 13%) and alcohol (57% vs. 29%). In all age groups, higher percentages of whites use drugs than blacks. But it is blacks and minorities who are featured in media coverage of the problem and who continue to fill the courts and jails. A 1990 study found that from 1985-88, drug prosecutions of white youths dropped 15%, while for non-whites they jumped 86%. One in four black men under thirty are in prison, on parole or on probation, over half of them on drug-related offenses. For whites, the figure is 1 in 17.

As black columnist Clarence Page explains, "A well-off user who makes his or her deals in downtown office buildings or in a quiet suburb is more difficult to catch and more expensive to prosecute than a street corner crack dealer in an inner-city neighborhood. Blacks and Hispanics are disproportionately stopped, searched and 'swept' on sight. Instead of a war on poverty, we wage war against the poor." Indeed, the government's war on drugs fails to address the social conditions, such as lack of jobs and affordable housing, which breed drug abuse and the culture of violence associated with it. 1990 saw new homicide records set in eight of the nation's largest cities, including Washington, D.C.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT- A DAILY NIGHTMARE

leering jeering horny ugly groping grabbing grovelling hurting harassing help no stop yuck- "FUCK OFF NOW OR DIE" she screams- inside.
three times in one week men i dont know approaching encroaching touching violating grabbing at me. three times me left feeling stupid mad humiliated weak very very pissed off. makes me want to go back to wearing extra large floppy clothes and hair to cover my face just to make them STOP looking appraising assessing value fantisising on a body- MY BODY- FUCK YOU THIS IS MY BODY-PRIVATE PROPERTY-GET IT
i stare at his back and wish i had the guts to kill him or a way to get him back
all my life abuse from men the father family friend teacher doctor dentist priest boyfriend boyfriends friend men i dont know from a piece of shit- except for the way they act.

some days^i look at the dismembered everywhere dissected woman s bodies.she has no face or body but at least shes wearing razza-matazz and look theres one with no legs or head but she does have on her warners sometimes i wonder if anyone else^this? if it makes them mad too?censorship may seem moralistic but how the fuck is a young woman supposed to have a positive body image when surrounded by this shit as well as the rest of the totally image obssessed media.
so what are some options to change things??

- if men violate your space violate them back if they touch you elbow them in the ribs or go for the neck or balls-strike fast and move. probably they wont be expecting it and take a while to react. if you can find out where they live you can go and violate their space wreck their property or whatever.
- talking to other men and women about it is important its really easy for harassment to leave you feeling isolated and powerless
- make your body strong and learn fighting techniques and self defence.
- do grafitti campaigns like in bondi junction in red paint 'angry women are watching you' with eyes painted watching
- look out for other women and go stand by them if they are being hassled

BE STRONG-STICK TOGETHER-FIGHT BACK
SEXAL HARASSMENT STOPS HERE!!!!!!!!

BY MONIQUE

ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH AROUND 7000 WOMEN MARCHED THROUGH SYDNEY ON THE RECLAIM THE NIGHT MARCH.SPEAKERS INCLUDED LOISE PHILIPS FROM SCARS(RAPE SURVIVORS LOBBY GROUP FOR LEGAL REFORM),JOY BABZO(END CHILD PROSTITUTION AND ASIAN TOURISM),VIRGINIA BELL AND OTHERS.THE MARCH ALSO CORRESPONDED WITH A CONFIDENTIAL PHONE-IN ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Dear Madam/Sir,

Recently Sydney Unemployed Workers' Union (SUWU) was involved in the formation of an organisation called the New South Wales Coalition of Unemployed Unions (NSWCUU). This organisation is made up of politically independent unemployed unions from Wollongong, central Sydney and the western suburbs. NSWCUU was formed in order to help coordinate the campaigns and other activities of the groups involved.

The first public action of NSWCUU was a picket outside a forum on unemployment organised by a group calling themselves Unemployed Peoples Union (UPU) on the 24-9-92 at Campsie.

This was the second forum organised by UPU. Both forums were chaired by one of the two UPU organisers a Mr. David John Palmer. Besides being an electrician and his involvement in UPU Palmer is also the self proclaimed fuehrer of the National Socialist Defense of Aryan Peoples movement (NSDAP). These are the same initials as Hitler's political party. Palmer is also the leader of the Australian branch of the Silver Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

The other organiser of the UPU is a Mr Shane Nicholls. When Nicholls was asked if he supported David Palmer's ideology he said "Definitely do. Love what they do." After seeing Palmer interviewed on Real Life standing next to a tall slender person in full KKK uniform, hood and all, SUWU rang Real Life and asked them if they knew the identity of the person in KKK uniform. We were told that they thought Palmer had introduced him to them as Shane Nicholls.

A few days after the forum SUWU received a phone call from someone who said he was from NSDAP. We were told that they had heard that we were going to publicise the Nazi involvement in UPU and that if we did this our offices would be fire bombed, they would fire machine gun bullets through our windows etc. etc. The caller then went on to say that the NSDAP was funding UPU and if SUWU caused any problems for UPU or its main organiser Shane Nicholls we would be killed.

As a result of this phone call SUWU informed other unemployed unions, trade unions, political parties, community groups and the police about the Nazi involvement in UPU and the death threat that we had received.

Several weeks later we saw a poster advertising the second UPU forum. The contact name on the poster was Shane Nicholls. Also on the poster it said that the forum was being sponsored by Canterbury Municipal Council, Labour Council of NSW and major companies including K-Mart, Arnotts, Toyota, Cadbury Confectionery, Blue Haven Pools and Pepsi 7-Up. We immediately contacted these groups and gave them the information that we had on UPU. They all withdrew their support.

NSWCUU put out a press release detailing the Nazi involvement in UPU and publicising the picket.

The night before the picket both SUWU and the Wollongong out of Workers Union received death threats. We were told that if we did not call off the picket we would have our throats slashed. We told them that they could not intimidate us and the picket would not be called off.

Half an hour later SUWU received a phone call from David Palmer. He introduced himself and then apologised for the death threats that Shane Nicholls had sent us. He said that Nicholls was "just a bit hot under the collar, you know how it is?"

The picket was a great success even though Shane Nicholls told a journalist "If you take any more photos I'll smash your camera and then I'll smash you."

Since the picket we have continued to receive death threats. The secretary of SUWU who has received over twenty calls recognised the same voice on all the calls as Shane Nicholls. During some of the calls Nicholls even identified himself.

We have since found out that Nicholls is a member of the ALP and that he is in the same branch as Leo McLeay. McLeay was a speaker at the first UPU forum, he was sitting next to Palmer, and has also given verbal references for Nicholls to the NSW Labour Council and possibly other groups. Considering Nicholls in no way hides his support of Palmer and his fascist organisations and publicly describes UPU as an ultra right-wing organisation is it possible that Mcleay is unaware of Nicholls link with the NSDAP and the KKK? Until the Labour Party publicly disassociates themselves from Nicholls, Palmer and the UPU we will continue to expose this connection.

The main reason for this letter is to inform the community that despite the death threats that several of our members have received the Sydney Unemployed Workers' Union will continue to expose the UPU, its Nazi involvement and their tactics of violence and thuggery.

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WORKER'S UNION
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6-10-1992

Yours in solidarity,

R. Southall

Richard Southall. Secretary, Sydney Unemployed Workers' Union.

ⒶANARCHY AND ECOLOGY ⊖

One of the primary tenets of anarchism is the decentralization of decision making (full democracy). This can only be achieved through severing our dependence on corporations and government for providing our daily needs:

I WAS TIRED OF WAITING FOR 'SOMEDAY.' I MADE UP MY MIND TO ACT! I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE FROM TERMINAL BOREDOM. JANE HAD A SUGGESTION...
... THE UNIONS ARE WHOREHOUSES AND THE LEFT IS JUST AN ALTERNATE RELIGION — WORSHIPPING IMPOTENCE!
FUCK THE LEFT! SETTLE THINGS YOURSEVES!!

"We take as normal the way bosses, councils, bureaucrats, officials, professionals and management make decisions and tell us what to do, the way those at one level can order those at another level around, and the way our society is so preoccupied with controlling and manipulating and exploiting nature and people. These values, habits and world views will inevitably be encouraged in an economic system emphasising acquisitiveness, material wealth, competition and maximum production and consumption, and by a society that is heavily administered by bureaucracies, governments and proffessionals."(Ted Trainer, ABANDON AFFLUENCE. p.273)

Self-reliance cannot be achieved through the rhetoric of 'Freedom' or by slogans such as 'Smash the State', but by forming self-sufficient and self-regulatory communities. For example, instead of relying on a vast bureaucracy to provide our water (i.e. the Water Board), tanks can catch and store all the rain-water we need. Food must be grown within the community, for the community, by the community. It would take less time to provide for ourselves by caring for common gardens than it does today by working a forty-eight hour week. Of course this would mean living more simply than we do now. But no sane or rational person can claim that because our standard of living has increased threefold in the last forty years that our quality of life has tripled - it has not! We have only become more lethargic (notice how people are incapable of being motivated during their 'free' time, e.g. "...if I don't go to work each day I get so bored, I don't know what to do with myself"), alienated (from work and each other), and totally dependent on extraneous authority to look after us.

At the same time a few people have been allowed to live in gross luxury while the rest struggle in poverty, "...providing each American with food takes the energy equivalent of two tons of coal every year, about five times as much energy as half the world's people use for all purposes."(Ted Trainer, ABANDON AFFLUENCE. p.274).

Breaking this control cannot be achieved through violence (although violence may be symptomatic of the system, e.g. the Gulf War). In a country like Australia, terrorism and insurrection only marginalizes and isolates those who seek alternatives. The greatest danger to dissidents (and dissidence) does not lie in state terror but in being ignored and thereby relegated to the scrap-heap of unprofitable options in a society where people (ideas, energy, talents) are wasted as much as things. Different methods of exchange (e.g. barter) and self-regulatory associations (like Jellyhedz) are needed to render corporatism and governmentalism redundant.

The advantages of decentralization and self-sufficiency go beyond the empowerment of people. A sense of community would be fostered because living together would mean depending on each other. Things would be shared rather than hoarded. Looking after energy sources as well as gardens would be everyone's

responsibility. There would be no unemployment because there would always be something to do, to build, fix, invent, tend to or take care of - because no-one else would do these things for us. Children and the aged would not have to be institutionalized if they were educated and cared for by the community. If we knew all the people we live with and relied on each other, then crimes caused by the de-humanizing effects of modern society would no longer take place (something like the Strathfield Plaza massacre could never happen).

One of the biggest obstacles to spreading awareness is the delusion most Westerner's suffer from that we live in a Liberal Democratic society. Because people are not being overtly oppressed it is believed (something akin to religious faith) that we are therefore free. But we are not free because we cannot change. Choices are offered but not alternatives. We get to choose which ruler we want, not which system we want. We get to choose which car we want but not to decrease or even stop the production of cars. Of course we are forced into depending on cars simply because we need them to get to work - and imagine all the jobs that would be lost if car factories closed. But what if we worked in, and lived off, our own communities? Then we could walk to work, be self-sufficient and make our own decisions about our daily needs. But what would happen to capitalism?

SEAN O'BRIEN

THE CASE OF KANGAROO ISLAND

People who believe in working for change from within the system are wasting their time.

Recently it was found that the submarine cable connecting Kangaroo Island to the mainland electrical supply had deteriorated beyond repair. This provided the perfect opportunity to install wind-power generators as a renewable energy source. Because Kangaroo Island is situated off Australia's southern coastline it is exposed to strong winds all year round. As well, the island has a small population and no heavy industry. The local authorities were backed by the residents in drawing up plans and seeking tenders to convert to wind-power. However, the government and bureaucracy on the mainland (South Australia) decided that the cost was too great and that kilometres of new cable would be laid instead. The bureaucrats refused to release their costing figures saying that by doing so they would be exposing themselves to their competitors. What was obvious, but unstated, was that if the bureaucrats had allowed the residents to use wind-power they would be setting a precedent for their own redundancy. Instead it was better to continue to burn more brown coal and add to the destruction of the environment.

As the case of Kangaroo Island shows, it is foolish to wait for government and bureaucracy to make reforms for our benefit or the benefit of the environment - they cannot change the system because they are the system.

SEAN O'BRIEN

PREACHING TO THE LEECHES

What is Jellyheads?

I see Jellyheads as a big question mark lurking in the backyard of the central business district. It quest--ions reasons behind poverty, censor ship, disempowerment and multideath-overexploitation and consumption of everything. It is not necessarily revolutionary, militant or perfect.

I see Jellyheads as a pool of peoples energy and experience- some motivated by the frustrations of a sexist soc-iety, some by injustice, domestic violence...,some influenced by pol-itical movements in Europe and u.s.a This pool of energy focusses on action rather than reaction, creation rather than destruction and violence-offering an alternative, or at least trying to. This is what makes it such a refreshing space.

At present issues such as theft of community property, dishonesty and heroin abuse are affecting and being discussed at the space and amongst people involved. With over 2000 Bux worth of stuff being ripped off over the last month there is frustration anger and disappointment within the collective. All those low level leeches beware....We,re gonna get ya. So ,we've learnt that things like theft trust and drugs have become an integral part of the big question mark. They disempower traditional community qualities such as unity, and solidarity and trust which jelly heads has in the past relied so much upon.
The 'problem' of drug/frustration/ poverty related theft has complex socioeconomic roots which automatic-ly arise in a big competitive, pol-luted and capitalist city like sydney.

So it is to be expected. But we can't blame everything on capitalism. And the immediate threat of theft and closure of jellyheads will not be solved by preaching revolution, militancy and tshirt sales. Well, maybe someday the big bang revolution will happen, but probably not tomorrow....

The point is, that the contrast between a selfish and anti-community act like stealing from jellyheads and a solution based on revolution and workers control is too great and too abstract. You can preach to the leeches all you want but they probably won't give a fuck.

Jellyheads

is an alternative space. A place where you don't have to show id at the door or pay for a glass of polluted tap water. A place where people will probably still smile at you even if you ARE a uptight blue collared gym freak. A place where you can eat food that's not cooked in pig fat. But an alternative space must continue to question its methods, must welcome necessary change and fresh inputs if it is to remain truly alternative.

It must offer alternatives louder than it preaches solutions, cos preaching solutions reduces the big question mark and answers it with a black and white text. a text which becomes a loud babble protected by the safe, lukewarm blood and guts of an ideology.

Real problems, questions and dis-satisfactions in life attract the formation of idealistic solutions in peoples heads. An ideology motivates and mobilizes these questions and desires to love an image, words and pictures. Unifying the victims' energies + locking them away behind a poster A utopian image of the masses run ning free. Free inside an ism. Free inside an ideal created in someone's head.

Free behind 4 letter words like Class War, ass WAR or any other kind of war. One persons solution One person's wank. Smile smugly as the blind sheep follow...

CONT..

Is the solution to life's injustices and dissatisfaction to declare war on some group of people whether they be rich, middle cass or Jews? Probably, but in our case it seems too perfect and simple.

I am not a raving N.V.A. freak and I don't want to trivialize the amount of thought and history behind anarchism, marxism or fascism.
I'm just a bit sick of hearing and seeing slogans about killing the ruling class, violent revolution and polltax riots because they seem to be a bit out of context.

Let's localize the issues and not forget to think for ourselves.
Let's kill the leeches instead of the ruling class.....
well, only if everyone feels like it.

thanks *SARAH*

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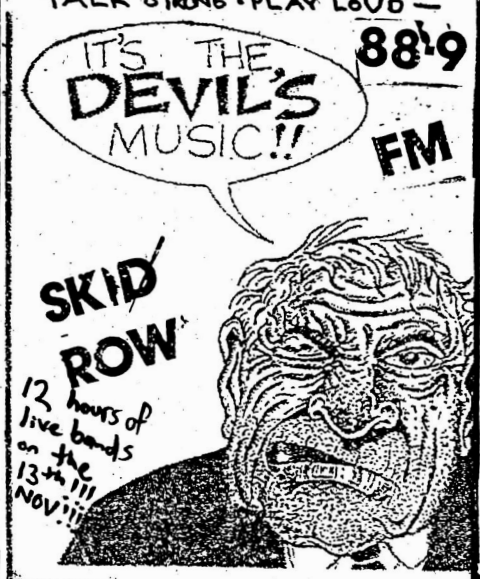

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DOCU-DRAMATICALLY DIGESTING THEM,
AND REGURGITATING THE RE-ENACTMENTS
A survey of CNN viewers revealed that the more they watched the Gulf War game show, they actually understood less about what was happening.
AUSTRALIA IS A MEDIA CONCENTRATION CAMP.
NEVER BEFORE HAVE SO FEW CONTROLLED THE MINDS OF SO MANY.
The test pattern rates!
OUTSIDE OF THE US WE HAVE THE MOST TV AND PRINT PER HEAD. ONLY KUWAIT HAS A HIGER RATE OF VCR OWNERSHIP.
Cats watch more TV than dogs.
WE ARE EXPOSED TO AN AVERAGE OF 500 ADVERTISING MESS-AGES EVERY DAY.
CAT TV goes non stop for two weeks on the same budget as two seconds of prime time commercials.

Selectovision

CAT TV is Community Access TV, the flipside of mainstream media puss. They are one of the groups that will be seen on the new Public TV channel that will start regular high power transmission on UHF 31 sometime next year.

Up till now they've been doing low power test broadcasts from inner city studios, held together by gaff tape and love.
(Sounds a little like Jellyheads)

After retina burning hours of editing, the Jellyvision collective has made a lhr "Best of the tests" video to be shown at one of our regular wedensday video nights. In the process, many cool CAT gems were rediscovered.

Like Britta Lyster's "From Murrawena to parliament" documenting a march of Koorie kids thru Sydney. When they sit down at Central intersection traffic is blocked as far as the eye can see!

"Contrasts" the classic 1984 life-on-the-dole docco, starring John 'I dont care' Howard.

A Squatters show with reports from Berlin, Copenhagen and Sydney, presented by locals in balaclavas.

Some great Greek music, the Yuppie invasion of St Kilda and the best Safe Sex add i've ever seen.

You can see all these and more, uncut, at future Jelly video nites. Meanwhile, if you're prowling King St. during the Newtown Festival 1-14 Nov, check the window of Electro 2000(!) just up from Black Rose for the "Best of the tests" video replay.

To find out more about CAT, and how you can televise the revolution, ring 550 6500, write to PO Box 636, Newtown 2042, or come along to one of the monthly meetings for volunteers at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, 7:30pm, first thursday of every month.

Remember the Commercialisation of Defence Conference back in June at the Sheraton Wentworth? Just in case any of you couldn't scrape together the $1995 to go along, or spent the day being arrested for offensive drumming, here's a few classic quotes from the conference papers...

we see today a huge pressure on Defence budgets as the search intensifies to achieve more "bangs for the buck"
In years to come the distinction between Defence and commercial products technologies and practices will become less and less distinct.

Peter Rowland, British Aerospace

If export market intelligence for the region to our north , which I suspect already resides in the defence intelligence organisation, can be made available to Australian Industry on request, and, without going overboard, if defence attaches, as a normal standard activity would promote Australian exports and exporters, defence exports could become a useful element of Australia's overseas trade.

Bernie Sullivan, Defence Manufacturers of Australia

For those of you brave enough to join Bob Day and the rest of us at AIDEX last year, ...you would recognise that defence exports will never be our most popular or politically attractive. They are, however, important - they should become more so.
Firms should not hesitate to seek Ministerial support in instances where there are significant opportunities at stake. The (defence export) guidelines are open to interpretation...
More focused policies to support the international competitiveness of Australia's Defence Industry should find their way ultimately into appropriate influence on the present guidelines.

Will Laurie, Price Waterhouse

and remember, we're all on the same side - Australia's

Mike Terlet, AWA Defence Industries

If anyone wants to keep up with what these creeps are up to, *Australians Dealing in Death and Destruction* is available from Renegade Action Activists Force, for $6 posted to RAAF, PO Box 24, Kings Cross, NSW 2011.
And don 't forget - AIDEX takes to the sky at the Melbourne Air Show, 21-25 October. Contact the Anti-bases Coalition 267 2772

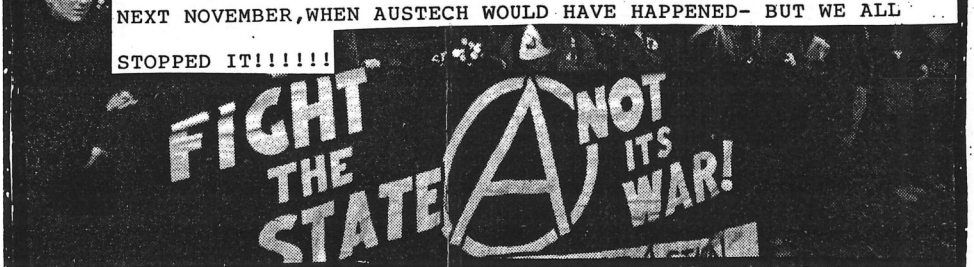
IT'S OFFICIAL!!!!!!!!!

AUSTECH 93 (AIDEX UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME) HAS BEEN CANCELLED!!

A HUGE CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE POWER WILL TAKE PLACE IN CANBERRA

NEXT NOVEMBER,WHEN AUSTECH WOULD HAVE HAPPENED- BUT WE ALL

STOPPED IT!!!!!!



RECENTLY SOMEONE CAME IN TO A COUPLE OF MEETINGS TO OBSERVE HOW THE COLLECTIVE FUNCTIONS. IT WAS FOR A UNI. ASSIGNMENT BUT WE FOUND IT USEFUL TO GET FEEDBACK AND MAYBE YOU WILL FIND OUT SOMETHING OF JELLYHEADS THAT WE AREN'T EXPRESSING....

RATIONALE : I decided to research "Jellyheads" out of an interest in the politics as outlined in their Aims and Objectives. Anarchist theory, like any other theory, has obvious limitations. Without praxis it remains the intellectual property of an academic elite or at best becomes a focus for sloganeering utopians. Over the last three years Jellyheads have attempted to put theory into practice by establishing an alternative venue/cafe project that is organised along anarchistic lines.

A healthy skepticism combined with my own utopian ideals have influenced my interest in the project. (Jellyheads warehouse opened 6 mths ago) I was aware of some of the more obvious logistical problems facing the collective and had attended many of the fund raising events. I was also aware of a general misunderstanding and/or cynicism in the community regarding the aims and even the integrity of the project. The opening of an autonomous centre such as the warehouse is no mean feat considering its total dependence on individual commitment to self help. For these reasons I thought a general evaluation of the first 6 months would be useful to myself and the project itself.

METHODOLOGY : In order to understand the actual process involved in organising the project I decided to attend two meetings. The first was a weekly collective meeting and the second a public meeting. I attended as an active participant as well as an observer with specific questions pertaining to this research project. In the first meeting, I requested and was granted a 40 minute Q&A section which was allocated toward the end of the 4 hour meeting. I asked the questions and all members of the collective had equal right of response.

I also attended a Jellyheads gig to investigate the social side of the project. There I noted peoples reaction to the place and the concept. I was given and found various literature relevant to the aims of the project and to broader based issues that affect the collective. I acknowledge that I have not investigated the wider social and legal aspects of the project and am not entirely sure that this would be beneficial in the long term. The nature of the warehouse project is one of grass roots involvement and any traditional perspective has the potential of undermining the autonomy of the collective and altering the context of its objectives. For this reason I have purposely taken a subjective viewpoint.

RESULTS : I found the collective to be open and supportive group of individuals that acted by consensus to the various ideological and physical problems that they faced. Honesty was the main requirement for the group to function and this was evidenced by the lack of factional fighting. The meetings were informal, though minutes were taken and financial reports were made. Agendas were set but discussion on each topic was openly encouraged until consensus was reached. No formal voting took place and everyone present had an equal say.

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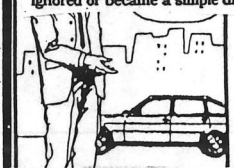
WHAT IS MONEY?

The success so far of the collective was outlined by the actualisation of the Aims. The warehouse had an open feeling and seemed far removed from the alienating closed door of council state or private institutions. There was an absence of "politicians or rich bastards" and no one was told what to do or how to act. The kitchen sold cheap vegan food and the new P.A. was available for the bands that played. The free pool table upstairs was the closest to any sign of potential competition, but was basically ignored or became a simple distraction.



The warehouse events could not yet truly be described as multi-media as the emphasis thus far has been live bands, though there have been regular video nights, a market day and recently there was a play that was quite successful. Photocopy facilities are available and various workshops have also taken place.

Financially the project seems secure providing that the collective remain active. The collective is aware of the need for a changing membership although so far the response has been far from positive. This is what I see as the main problem. Apathy will close down Jellyheads long before the Police do. Awareness of the aims and objectives of the project and the willingness to fly in the face of normal values and expectations is absolutely essential for the survival Jellyheads.

365 shopping days
to christmas

they call this culture -
but what grows?

REFLECTIONS : Basically I found that Jellyheads is run by a committed core of individuals who have managed to make very few concessions to their initial aims and objectives. The collective's insistence that each would step aside as new members joined was true to their goal but I wondered if the idealism could be maintained with regular change of membership. To this end I thought a higher participation in meetings would help. The main implication of Jellyheads is that it is possible to take back control over at least a small part of your life. The only prerequisite is the wish to do so and the energy and conviction to act. Jellyheads is an inspiration to similar community groups that realise that reliance on private and State benefactors is not necessarily the only option.

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I found the atmosphere positive and progressive. The energy of the collective was inspiring and unlike some meetings that I've been to the debate was open, honest and lively. At the gig there was no security and no need for it. The crowd (aprox.150) was well behaved, respectful and varied in its constitution. A slight paranoia about undercover police seemed to be the only real concern.

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As I have already stated, the only real problem seems to be the transferal of responsibility as the collective changes. A general unwillingness to get involved in the day to day running of the warehouse seems to be caused by apathy, but I detected a level of ignorance amongst visitors. The project calls on people to question their values and priorities. This seemed to be the main stumbling block for potential participants and can only be overcome by accessibility and participation.

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Section of poems out of 'Speculum' an anthology of women's creativity.

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do you scream do you push into fifth gear
do you jump naked and do you scream?

by
Stacey Smithers.

One Day...

Somewhere between a cup of tea
and the smallest of talk
and the smallest of shopping list
upside down on a loaf of bread
hidden inside a loaf of butter
written in peanut knife
with an undried clothes peg
and pinned with the fresh clean washing
on the line by the fresh clean washing
one left a note. It said
I am freezing to death in an over-stocked fridge
squashed flat by squeezed tight by tupperware
I find myself half baked
dough breath turned to treacle
eyes like raisins oven-bound
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Was available at Black Rose Book Shop $3.00 inquire.

BOUGAINVILLE

ROSEMARY GILLESPIE,WHO YOU MIGHT REMEMBER FROM THE BOUGAINVILLE BENEFITS AT JELLYHEADS BACK IN AUGUST WHICH HELPED RAISE MONEY FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES,IS NOW IN BOUGAINVILLE WITH THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES BUT AS REPORTED IN THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD ON 2/11/92 THE P.N.G. POLICE ARE TRYING TO ARREST HER FOR ILLEGALLY ENTERING THE COUNTRY THEY ILLEGALLY ENTERED FIRST.ROSEMARY GILLESPIE IS A LAWYER AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO ARRIVED IN BOUGAINVILLE'S CAPITAL,ARAWA ON 28/10/92.SHE REPORTS THAT CONTRARY TO MEDIA REPORTS THE P.N.G.D.F. HAVE NOT ENTERED ARAWA EXCEPT TO SHOOT AT IT FROM THE AUSTRALIAN DONATED HELICOPTERS AND PATROL BOATS.

MOSES HAVENI, THE AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOUGAINVILLE INTERIM GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT MANY THINGS ARE NOT BEING REPORTED IN OUR NEWSPAPERS. FOR INSTANCE, THE COMBAT IRIQUOIS HELICOPTERS WHICH WERE DONATED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ARE BEING USED FOR INFRA RED NIGHT PATROLS,AND THE CLAIM BY P.N.G. PRIME MINISTER MR. WINGTI THAT THE ARMED FORCES ARE IN BOUGAINVILLE AT THE REQUEST OF LOCAL CHIEFS IS DIRECTLY CONTRADICTED BY A JOINT STATEMENT BY THE CHIEFS OF BOUGAINVILLE CENTRAL UNION REJECTING THE SO CALLED "HELP" OF THE P.N.G.D.F.THEY ASK,IF THE REASON FOR THE DEFENCE FORCES TO BE ON THE ISLAND IS TO SUPPLY MEDICINE THEN WHY HAVE THEY COME IN PARACHUTES AND WITH RIOT SQUADS COMPLETE WITH AUSTRALIAN 'ADVISORS'MS. GILLESPIE REPORTS THAT THE PEOPLE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ESPECIALLY ANTI-MALARIA TABLETS AND ANTIBIOTICS.BOUGAINVILLE HAS BEEN BLOCKADED BY P.N.G.(USING AUSTRALIAN WEAPONS)

BOUGAINVILLE SUPPORT GROUP CAN BE CONTACTED BY RINGING SUSAN BRAUN ON 5502805

MOSES HAVENI,AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF BOUGAINVILLE INTERIM GOVENRMENT CAN BE CONTACTED ON 8047602.

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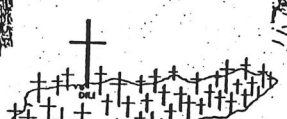
EAST TIMOR - A KILLING FIELD UNDER INDONESIAN RULE

Protest

To commemorate the 1st Anniversary of The Dili Massacre



EAST TIMOR - A KILLING FIELD UNDER INDONESIAN RULE

We need your support:

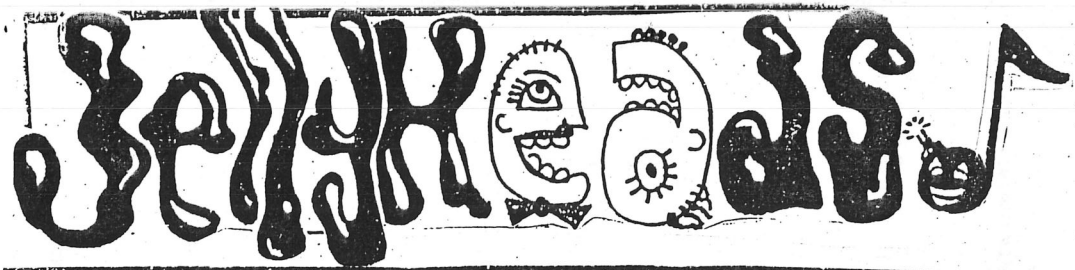
- ***Join us to mourn those who died for the liberation of our country***
- ***Join us to protest against the invasion and occupation of East Timor by Indonesian troops***

12th and 13th November 1992 (Thursday and Friday)
10am to 6pm Vigil at Indonesian Consulate, Maroubra Rd, Maroubra Jnctn.

14th November 1992 (Saturday)
10am, Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
11am, March to Sydney Town Hall

Speakers: Members of the East Timorese Community (ETIC)
Father Frank Brennan (recently arrived from East Timor)
Bernard Collaery, human rights lawyer

Organised by East Timor Independence Committee(ETIC)
For information contact Ines Almeida on ☎ 8283308 (H) or 7272278 (Fax),
Carlos Costa ☎ 6010137(H), Celia Martires ☎ 610 2763



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WAREHOUSE

NOV 4th KAT T.V Video Nite

6th Melancholy, Fall into US, Savage Cabbage. $4.00 entry donation

11th Sydney Rainforest Action Group Video Nite $3.00 donation TIME TO ACT BLOWPIPES + BULLDOZERS TROUBLE IN PARADISE

13th College of Fine Arts End of Year Party

14th SWORDFISH- the record launch

18th Video Nite KOORI VIDEOS - From Murrawina to Parliament + Plus More

20th WOBBLE II

21st Benifit to help people arrested here a few months ago , Persecution and others.

22nd Jellyhedz 'We're shit broke and very in debt' BENIFIT - bands include Vermin, Half, and others... like SISTA FREAK

25th Spike Lee Video Nite - early classics

DEC WED 2nd Video nite featuring 'A Night of Propaganda'

Sounds Anti System, Repeat Offenders, Mutiny

Mahatma Propagandhi and Fred Nihilist all videoed live at a Lewisham Htl gig in the pre Jelly-space days. Plus other Music and politics band clips- Consolidated, Rory Mcleod, and the Gorrilla Bros (as not seen on TV)

FRI 4th Environmental Youth Alliance Video Nite

SAT 5th Trevor the Fish + ????+ SISTA FREAK!
and MUTINY ~~Melbourne Australia~~ the Worlds favorite Folk Thrash band!

Interested in hiring the space call us on 319 2798